

HOUSE No. 1417

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tackey Chan

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act regulating sex offender registration in the 21st century.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Michael Morrissey</i>	<i>Office of the Norfolk District Attorney 45 Shawmut Rd., Canton, MA 02021</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>4/3/2023</i>

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By Representative Chan of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1417) of Tackey Chan, Michael Morrissey (Norfolk District Attorney) and David Allen Robertson for legislation to further regulate sex offender registration. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act regulating sex offender registration in the 21st century.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 178C of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Agency”, the following
3 new definition:- “Electronic alias, address and domain”, any electronic mail, website
4 registrations, messaging and chat service aliases, websites and domains either personally owned
5 and operated or otherwise owned and operated by a third party with the purpose of displaying,
6 soliciting or otherwise posting information, entries and aliases associated with either web-based
7 applications and databases, or aliases used and/or stored on personal computers that may be
8 transmitted for use during any communication.

9 SECTION 2. Section 178D of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
10 Official Edition, is hereby amended in subparagraph (a) by inserting after the words “aliases
11 used,” in line 12 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains

12 SECTION 3. Section 178D of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
13 further amended in the second paragraph by striking out, in line 40, clause (i), and inserting in
14 place thereof the following new clause:- (i) the name of the sex offender, and the offender's
15 electronic aliases, addresses and domains;

16 SECTION 4. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
17 further amended by inserting after the words "the sex offender's name," in lines 38-39 the
18 following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

19 SECTION 5. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
20 further amended by inserting after the words "failure to do so" in line 71 the following:- to give
21 notice of a change of electronic alias, address or domain, or the addition of an electronic alias,
22 address or domain and the penalties for failure to do so,

23 SECTION 6. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
24 further amended in paragraph (b) by inserting after the words "sex offender's name," in line 82
25 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

26 SECTION 7. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
27 further amended in paragraph (c) by inserting after the words "sex offender's name," in lines
28 118-119 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

29 SECTION 8. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
30 further amended in paragraph (g) by inserting after the words "sex offender's name," in lines
31 172-173 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

32 SECTION 9. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
33 further amended in paragraph (h) by inserting after the words “sex offender’s name,” in line 192
34 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

35 SECTION 10. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
36 hereby further amended in paragraph (l) by inserting after the words “sex offender’s name,” in
37 line 243 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

38 SECTION 11. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
39 hereby further amended in paragraph (o) by inserting after the words “sex offender’s name,” in
40 line 279 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

41 SECTION 12. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
42 hereby further amended in paragraph (q) by inserting after the words “the student’s name,” in
43 line 307 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

44 SECTION 13. Section 178F of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
45 further amended in the first paragraph by inserting after the words “sex offender’s name,” in line
46 7 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

47 SECTION 14. Section 178F of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
48 further amended in the first paragraph by inserting after the words “sex offender’s name,” in line
49 19 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

50 SECTION 15. Section 178H of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
51 further amended in paragraph (a) by striking out, in line 3, clause (iii), and inserting in place
52 thereof the following new clause:- (iii) fails to provide notice of a change of address, and fails to

53 give notice of a change of electronic alias, address or domain, or the addition of an electronic
54 alias, address or domain;

55 SECTION 16. Section 178J of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
56 further amended in clause (1) of paragraph (b) by inserting after the words “specific individual
57 by name” in line 28 the following:- , electronic alias, address or domain

58 SECTION 17. Section 178J of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
59 further amended in paragraph (c) by striking out, in line 50, clause (1), and inserting in place
60 thereof the following new clause:- (1) the name of the sex offender, and the offender’s electronic
61 aliases, addresses, and domains;

62 SECTION 18. Section 178K of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
63 further amended in subparagraph (c) of paragraph (2) by striking out, in line 158, clause (i), and
64 inserting in place thereof the following new clause:- (i) the name of the sex offender, and the
65 offender’s electronic aliases, addresses and domains;